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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action issued January 23, 1997, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 5, before "copolymer" insert --ionomeric--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, after "1996" change --,-- to --and--.

Page lines 6 - 7, delete ", and U.S. Application No. 08/542,793 filed October 13, 1995, which is a continuation of 08/070,510".

Page 7, line 2, after "0.770." insert - The golf ball preferably has an inner cover layer with a Shore D hardness of at least 65, and more preferably at least 68, and an